



Welcome From The Student Officers



## ELECTED OFFICERS' CAMPAIGN REPORTS 2024/25

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## ALL OFFICERS

### TALK TO TUSU

Expected Completion Date: Throughout this academic year

Talk to TUSU has continued to run successfully, and Officers are meeting students every fortnight in term time, in different university buildings. As feedback is received it is reviewed and taken to appropriate university committees.

### HOW TO BE A GOOD TEESSIDE STUDENT

Expected Completion Date: June 2023

We want all students to understand not just their academic responsibilities but also social and civil responsibilities when at Teesside. To support them doing this we will develop resources and work with students and the local community to embed understanding across the student body.

## PRESIDENT WELLBEING - BLESSING

### STUDENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS

Expected Completion Date: June 2025

I have continued this successful session where students can come together in an informal setting in the SU building between 4.30 and 6pm with tea and coffee available. I committed to running twenty sessions over the academic year and have had up to 20 students attending at times to share stories, play games, seek peer support and relax.

### SUPPORT COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Expected Completion Date: Continuous

The SU continues to help students with the cost-of-living crisis. Heat and Eat stations have been relocated to Lovell Lounge so more accessible and available to students and is very popular. Free breakfasts continue to be provided three days per week from The Lounge, where students can also pick up a hot drink. We also have issued freebies to students when we have sourced from suppliers to help them (lanyards are very popular!).

### MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

Expected Completion Date: Academic Year 2025/26

In collaboration with the University I am working with the Deputy Director of Student Wellbeing and Welfare, reaching out to students to ask for their thoughts on mental health provision and which will shape the universities strategic approach. Currently I am promoting thought proving questions and seeking feedback over the next two weeks.

### ACCOMMODATION (AND RETURNED DEPOSITS)

Expected Completion Date: April 2025

I am working with the SUSS Team to improve resources available for students when they leave their accommodation or move to alternative accommodation and are faced with challenges in retrieving their deposits. More to come over the coming weeks.

## **PRESIDENT EDUCATION – HARSHA**

### **HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT**

Expected Completion Date: Ongoing

I have worked with the SUSS team to increase the amount of resources and signposting opportunities for students to be successful in their academic life. I have also gone out to the community – arranged through Meet the President Education sessions and sought feedback directly from students. I have spent a lot of time discussing the latest developments of AI in academia and worked to get these resources developed and out to students.

### **MEET THE PRESIDENT EDUCATION**

Expected Completion Date: June 2025

To gather more feedback directly from students but also be more accessible, I have arranged sessions where School and Course Reps can come and discuss all things academic and I can feed these concerns into university committees that I am on.

### **STUDENT FUTURES – EMPLOYABILITY**

Expected Completion Date: May 2025

I am going to run a number of sessions with alumni and employers for students to understand how they can progress their careers after their studies complete. This will also help students understand non-traditional career pathways and alternatives that their academic skills might feed into. This work is in early planning stages currently.

## **PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL – EBUBECHI**

### **CULTURAL EXCHANGE**

Expected Completion Date: October 2024

Cultural Attire - students invited to attend campus in cultural clothing and open conversations with peers about what the clothing is, how it is significant and share cultural awareness

Cultural panel - Talked about what culture means in Teesside and the University and how the growth of different culture across the university allowed for rich conversations to be held.

Cultural Evening - all students invited to attend and listen, dance, and socialise with cultural themed music.

### **VALENTINES EVENING IN THE LOUNGE**

Expected Completion Date: February 2024

Hosted event for students to come together, watch a film (voted for by them), play board games and just mingle for an evening with friends. Well attended by all students as an alternative activity.

### **INCREASED SOCIETIES**

Expected Completion Date: Ongoing

An advocate of communities coming together to shape shared interests, communicate with other students and provide support and friendship. Facilitated a number of groups over the year coming together and getting uplifted in SU spaces.

### **FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Expected Completion Date: Ongoing

Concerns amongst students that instalments are still not fit for purpose, no flex in bespoke plans, language around fee repayment inconsistent. Raised with DVC and will now raise with Fees Strategy group and VC International.

### **INTERSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Expected Completion Date: June 2025

Difficulty acquiring due to visa / accessibility issues. Working with Student Futures to understand challenges and consider solutions.

# **OUR RESPONSE TO STUDENTS' ISSUES, "YOU SAID, WE DID":**

## **A) TUITION FEE PAYMENTS**

Challenges in making payments. Officers have discussed the process with University Finance and are well equipped to share this knowledge and helps students understand their rights and how to respond to letters / emails received.

## **B) SUNDAY OPENING**

Student groups wanted a safe space on Sunday to come together and conduct their activity. The building is now available for them to book space and meet.

## **C) TU LONDON**

Various online forums developed, and after meeting students a regular fortnightly 'Meet your Officers' session along with the close working arrangement with TU London School Rep.

## **D) ASSIGNMENT WORD LIMITS**

Some students have reported that word limits on assignments have reduced from 10% to 1%. HC will discuss this at a future Education Meeting and report back to SRF.

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## **E) DARLINGTON SHUTTLE**

Students have asked if there is a shuttle from Middlesbrough to Darlington campus to help with travel expenses. Former response states: The provision of a bus service between Middlesbrough and Darlington campuses was currently being explored, following requests from School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS) students who studied across both locations. If there was sufficient demand for the service, the University would look at transportation options that could be provided. Awaiting further feedback from students.

## **F) BUILDINGS**

There was some confusion over whether some University Buildings would close at 6pm from January 2025 onwards. Clarity of process sought from University and feedback direct from students fed into University Executive Team.

## **G) TEMPERATURE**

It was noted that some students were complaining that it was too cold in some of the classrooms. Raised at LTSECO (and also feedback on Open Days from parents with prospective students) and Estates reviewing temperature centrally.